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ANGOLA-SOUTH AFRICA-UN: Security Council Debate

The US Mission to the UN reports that debate probably will begin today on Angola's request that the Security Council address the presence of South African troops on Angolan territory.

Luanda's appeal follows a recent series of harsh denunciations by black African states of the US and South Africa for their efforts to link carrying out the UN plan for Namibian independence to a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola. The Angolans have said privately, however, that they want only a short and generally noncontentious debate.

Frustration among black African states over South Africa's insistence that Cuban troops leave Angola in connection with a Namibian settlement has been mounting since the middle of last year, when negotiations had been completed on all major Namibian-related issues. Debate on the South African buffer zone in southern Angola—which Pretoria has maintained since September 1981—may become strongly anti-US, particularly if the current South African operation should result in a clash with Angolan and Cuban forces stationed along their defensive line.

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